

Custodial, Labor & Trades Branch
Solid Waste Management Group
Solid Waste Series

AUTOMATED REFUSE COLLECTION OPERATOR

03/98 (TLW)

Summary

Under general supervision, operate automated refuse collection truck on assigned route.

Typical Duties

Drive vehicle and manipulate controls of side loading and unloading apparatus. Involves: transporting refuse material to and from specified destinations, including landfills and transfer stations; locating trash container along established route; positioning truck to make pickup; operating control board or joystick to move loading arm and grabber to pick up receptacle and dump trash into packing chamber; may modify route because of unexpected detours.

Make minor repairs and report malfunctions of equipment. Involves: performing pre- and post-trip maintenance related to vehicle inspections and operator services such as lubricating, monitoring fluid levels, checking tire pressure and hose connections and other related items on checklist; washing unit daily; operating waste management computer system in vehicle and performing minor troubleshooting of system by following instruction manual to rectify problems; down- and up-loading information from computer daily.

Respond to customers' inquiries. Involves: explaining requirements regarding content, packing weight, container type, pick-up times and placement of garbage; placing notices or door hangers on properties where no pickup is made or refuse is set out improperly.

Perform related duties as required. Involves: occasionally performing manual collections of solid waste by leaving truck to roll out disabled or other required special customer containers; assisting with training by explaining and demonstrating work performed; substituting, if assigned, for immediate supervisor or coworkers during temporary absences by performing delegated duties and responsibilities sufficient to maintain continuity of normal operations; completing accident and property damage reports as required.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Training and Experience: Completion of the tenth grade and one (1) year experience in municipal waste collection and disposal including driving, or two (2) years operating heavy trucks or related equipment requiring a commercial drivers' license; or an equivalent combination of training and experience.

Knowledge, Abilities and Skills: Good knowledge of: vehicle operation, servicing requirements, capabilities, and limitations; potential work hazards and applicable safety precautions associated with assigned equipment; pertinent traffic laws, ordinances and regulations; geography of the city.

Ability to: learn basic computer operations and related terminology; learn various components of side loader unit; learn and explain to customers departmental rules and regulations and city ordinances pertaining to the collection, disposal, recycling of solid waste including special pickups and other activities; become familiar with exempt customer addresses (those unable to move receptacle to curb); make minor operating adjustments and repairs; recognize operating deficiencies in assigned equipment; perform manual labor; make suitable detour from assigned route, taking into consideration such factors as clearance of underpasses, overhead power lines, weight limitations, or highway restrictions; read, write and follow oral and written instructions; read pressure and fuel gauges; follow safe working practices and procedures; keep simple records; maintain good working relationships with fellow employees and the general public including dealing courteously with irate people.

Skill in: the safe operation and care of a city vehicle through city traffic and around parked cars and other obstacles in restricted spaces and using camera to observe loading arm and grabber and when backing vehicle.

Physical Requirements: Continuous use of hand operated automated controls that mechanically lift and dump special refuse receptacles. Occasional stooping, climbing and moving 90-gallon receptacle or lifting bags (up to 50 lbs) containing yard waste. Occasional extended periods of walking during special departmental campaigns. Occasional exposure to all types of weather and other unpleasant or somewhat hazardous working conditions.

Special Requirement: Positions assigned duties which require a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) to operate vehicles on public thoroughfares, [or positions of a safety sensitive nature within Mass Transit], are subject to federal drug and alcohol testing regulations, which include pre-employment, post-accident, reasonable suspicion, random, return to duty and follow-up testing.

Licenses and Certificates: Texas Class "B" Commercial Driver's License or equivalent from another state.

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